

STATE OF Iowa  
COUNTY OF Decatur } to

BEFORE me, L. H. Sales

Judge of the County

Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, the  
Said Court being a Court of Record.

this day came and personally appeared, Michael Bennett and Susan  
Bennett whose credibility and respectability are  
well known.

to me, who being by me, first duly sworn say upon oath : We are well acquainted with Nancy Johnson  
and Eliza Cook who in our presence signed

~~the~~ executed and delivered the foregoing Power of Attorney, and that we have known them for the  
last forty years or more and know them to be the identical persons they represent them  
selves to be and that they are the only surviving heirs at law of Charles and William  
Johnson deceased who were the sons of the said Nancy Johnson and the  
brothers of the said Eliza Cook, who is the daughter of the said  
Nancy and that the said Eliza is now a widow

and that the said Charles and William deceased were members of the Expedition  
from Texas to Santa Fe in Mexico

their lives  
and lost ~~life~~ in the said Expedition ~~or about~~ as we have heard and be-  
lieve, and that we have not heard of the said Charles and William as living since the time of ~~his~~ their  
reported death as aforesaid, and that the said Charles and William deceased were single  
men and that they left living at their death as aforesaid neither wives  
nor children and that the ~~gall~~ of the said Charles and  
the said William deceased, is dead and that they have  
living no brothers nor descendants of brothers and sisters  
and that the said Eliza is the only sister of the said  
Charles and William deceased

and that the said Nancy Johnson and her daughter the said  
Eliza Cook are each

above the age of twenty one years and are resident citizens of the County of Decatur  
in the State of Iowa,

Michael Bennett  
Susan  
her  
Bennett  
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me, as witness  
my hand and seal of said  
Court  
9th  
on this day of January , A. D.  
1861 .

L. H. Sales

Judge C. G.